



Donna Hicken **Founder/Event Chairman**



Donna Hicken is a Jacksonville native. She graduated from Bishop Kenny High School and received her BS in Communications from Florida State University.

After graduating from FSU, Donna started a career in broadcasting. Her first job was as a morning anchor and reporter for WTXL in Tallahassee from 1984 through 1985. From there, she moved on to be the West Palm Bureau Chief for WTVX in Fort Pierce. After a short stay, Donna became the morning and noon anchor for WPEC in West Palm Beach, where she remained until August of 1988. It was then that she jumped at the opportunity to come home to Jacksonville and First Coast News to anchor the weekend broadcasts. Then in 1992, she took on the weekday evening broadcasts at 5:30 and 11 pm.

Donna is involved in a number of community organizations and as a two-time survivor of breast cancer, created The Donna Hicken Foundation. During her own battle with breast cancer, she talked with many women who simply couldn't make ends meet while they were undergoing treatment for the disease. Her foundation provides the necessary funds to meet the critical needs of First Coast women living with breast cancer.

Donna is a published author. Her book, *The Good Fight*, chronicles her second bout with breast cancer and the on-line journal that she kept during that time.

During her career, Donna has received many awards including the Jacksonville Business Journal Women of Influence Award in 2004 and the Enterprising Women's Leadership Award in 2005.

Donna is a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Jacksonville Beach. She has two beautiful children, Danielle and Drew. She is married to First Coast News Chief Meteorologist Tim Deegan and she is an avid marathoner.